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SUBJECT: MARINE GUARD RESIDENCE - LEASE #S429-FBO-315

- 1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF LEASE S429-FBO-315 (MARINE SECURITY GUARD RESIDENCE) SO THE LANDLORD MAY TRANSFER THE PROPERTY TO THE NEWLY CREATED MINISTRY OF RADIO AND TELEVISION. THE MSG RESIDENCE IS LOCATED DIRECTLY BEHIND RADIO AND TELEVISION AFGHANISTAN-OCCUPIED BUILDINGS AND OFFICES.
- 2. POST STRONGLY REQUESTS THAT THE PROPOSED FBO PLANS TO CONSTRUCT AN MSG RESIDENCE ON U.S. GOVERNMENT OWNED PROPERTY (NEUMANN FIELD, PROPERTY NUMBER L011000) ADJACENT TO THE CHANCERY, BE PLACED IN MOTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DUE TO THE PRESENT AND CONTINUING SECURITY SITUATION IN KABUL, POST FEELS THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE TO HAVE THE MSG RESIDENCE LOCATED IN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE POSITION TO THE CHANCERY. THE NEUMANN FIELD LOCATION WOULD INCREASE THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THE CHANCERY AND ALLOW FREE ACCESS TO THE MSG DETACHMENT TO REACH THE CHANCERY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.
- 3. ANY RESIDENCE LEASED AT THIS TIME COULD ONLY BE OF A TEMPORARY NATURE. THE INITIAL SEARCH FOR SUITABLE HOUSING FOR SIX MSGS HAS NOT BEEN VERY FRUITFUL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR A RESIDENCE BUT WE ARE NOT VERY HOPEFUL OF FINDING A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESIDENCE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE/MSG AGREEMENT.

4. REQUEST: PLEASE PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE REPLY AS TO WHEN THE DEPARTMENT CAN AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MARINE SECURITY GUARD RESIDENCE ON USG PROPERTY ADJACENT TO CHANCERY. THIS INFO IS REQUIRED SO THAT WE CAN KNOW LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED IN ANY NEW LEASE ARRANGEMENT FOR INTERIM MSG QUARTERS.

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